

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5-6 and 8-21 are currently pending in the application.

The indication on page 2 of the Detailed Action that claims 1, 5, 6, 8-18 and 21 are allowed is noted with appreciation. To that end, Applicants request correction of the statement of allowed claims in the Office Action Summary, together with the correction of the listing in the Office Action Summary of the claims pending in the application.

Claims 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The rejection is traversed and should be withdrawn in view that claims 19 and 20, as now appropriately respectively amended, no longer make reference to FIGS. 2 and 3 respectively.

The present amendments are believed to dispose of all issues in this case. Passing of this application to issue is thus now respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency associated with this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 03-1677.

Respectfully submitted,


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